

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A fin comprising a plate, said plate having at least one embossed surface and a hole therethrough, the hole having two elongated flat sides and two curved portions connecting the flat sides, the elongated sides having a length that is substantially greater than a radius of curvature of the curved portions,

    said plate having at least one collar portion adjacent to the hole, the collar portion extending approximately in a direction normal to said plate.

2. (Original) The fin of claim 1, wherein the plate has at least two collar portions, separated from one another by a pair of slots.

3. (Original) The fin of claim 1, wherein the collar portion is formed by drawing.

4. (Original) A heat pipe assembly, comprising:  
    a heat pipe having an envelope, the envelope having two elongated flat sides and two curved portions connecting the flat sides, the elongated sides

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having a length that is substantially greater than a radius of curvature of the curved portions; and

at least one fin comprising a plate, the plate having a hole therethrough that is sized to accommodate the envelope, the hole having two elongated flat sides and two curved portions connecting the flat sides, the elongated sides having a length that is substantially greater than a radius of curvature of the curved portions, the plate having at least one collar portion adjacent to the hole, the collar portion extending approximately in a direction normal to the plate.

5. (Original) The heat pipe assembly of claim 4, wherein the plate has at least two collar portions, separated from one another by a pair of slots.

6. (Original) The heat pipe assembly of claim 4, wherein the collar portion is formed by stamping.

7. (Original) The heat pipe assembly of claim 6, wherein the collar portion is further formed by drawing.

8. (Original) The heat pipe assembly of claim 4, wherein the assembly includes a plurality of fins.

9. – 15. (Cancelled)

16. (Original) A fin comprising a plate wherein said plate has a hole defined therethrough, said hole having two elongated flat sides and two curved portions connecting the flat sides, the elongated sides having a length that is substantially greater than a radius of curvature of the curved portions, said plate having at least one collar portion adjacent to the hole, the collar portion extending approximately in a direction normal to said plate, wherein the plate has at least two collar portions, separated from one another by a plurality of slots.

17. (Original) The fin of claim 16 wherein the plate has at least one bent edge that is spaced away from said collar.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Original) A heat pipe assembly, comprising:  
a heat pipe having an envelope, the envelope having two elongated flat sides and two curved portions connecting the flat sides, the elongated sides having a length that is substantially greater than a radius of curvature of the curved portions; and

a plate having a hole defined therethrough for accepting a portion of said heat pipe, said hole having two elongated flat sides and two curved portions connecting the flat sides, the elongated sides having a length that is substantially greater than a radius of curvature of the curved portions, said plate

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having at least one collar portion adjacent to the hole, the collar portion extending approximately in a direction normal to said plate, wherein the plate has at least two collar portions, separated from one another by a plurality of slots.

20. (Original) The fin of claim 19 wherein the plate has at least one bent edge that is spaced away from said collar.

21. (Original) The fin of claim 19 wherein the plate has at least one embossed surface.